



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 599**

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**Chairperson:** Tim Gay  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 26, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 599 would revise the statutes that apply comparative fault to cases brought under section 48-118 et seq.

Under current law (section 71-2049), a patient is entitled to request, under certain circumstances, a statement itemizing certain specified expenses. LB 599 would simplify and broaden the patient's right to an itemized billing. Under LB 599, a patient would be entitled to an itemized billing, with diagnostic codes, upon request of the patient.

The bill's provisions would be applicable not just to hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers as in current law, but to any health care facility or health care practitioner facility. As under current law, there would be no charge to the patient for the itemized statement.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Gwen Howard**